

Location:

August 21, 2024
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
LCWSC Office
Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC members can still comment on Chapters 2 and 3
2. RBC members to provide feedback on draft Chapters 4 and 8

Decisions:

1. **Saluda RBC Vision Statement: A resilient and sustainably managed Saluda River Basin that balances human and ecological needs. (May 2023)**
2. **Saluda RBC Goals: 1. To perform a review and update of the plan every 5 years at a minimum or sooner should a significant event occur requiring plan update, 2. Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the Saluda River Basin, and 3. Apply science-based resource management and conservation strategies that consider resource availability and allocation. (May 2023)**
3. **The Saluda RBC elected KC Price as Chair and Katherine Amidon as Vice Chair. (June 2023)**
4. **Formation of a Public Supply Water Demand projections subcommittee. (July 2023)**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Period
- Review of June Meeting Highlights
- Review Comments on Draft River Basin Plan Chapters 2 and 3
- Overview of Draft Chapters 4 and 8
- Review of RBC Recommendations and the Working Draft of Chapter 9

- Discussion and Development of Additional Plan Recommendations
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting Summary (August 21st)

The Saluda RBC Chair, KC Price, called the August 21st meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:00 AM. The sixteenth meeting of the Saluda RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Saluda RBC members and planning team, there were 40 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. KC discussed the agenda items for the meeting. The Saluda RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda. The June minutes and summary documents were approved. A public comment period was held with no formal comments received. An agency comment period was held with Joe Koon, SCDES, discussing the restructuring of DHEC to the new SCDES and discussed the hydrology and aquatic nuisance species sections moving from SCDNR to SCDES. John Boyer reviewed the June meeting highlights.

John Boyer reviewed comments received regarding draft chapters 2 and 3 of the Saluda River Basin Plan. John also introduced draft chapters 4 and 8 to the RBC members present. The RBC then reviewed RBC recommendations and the working draft of Chapter 9. Chapter 9 review and discussion included Planning Process Recommendations, Technical and Program Recommendations, and started work on Policy, Legislative, and Policy Recommendations. John facilitated discussion about additional questions and ideas for discussion that may lead to recommendations which focused on water utilities and data. The RBC meeting ended with the discussion of data that is missing tabled to the September meeting. The discussion of Chapter 9 Policy, Legislative, and Policy Recommendations will continue in September.

The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Saluda RBC will be September 18th at the LCWSC office in Laurens.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 9/18/2024